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Judge Webster:

[redacted] has prepared this paragraph suggesting that we give it to Chairman Stokes for his use with Howard Wolpe and others at House Foreign Affairs. [redacted] and I stand ready to discuss it with you. Or if you believe this is what Stokes asked for, I can send it down later today. Please advise.

SIGNED

John L. Helgerson

Attachment

D/OCA/JLH:wcsr [redacted] (24 May 88)

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{per [redacted] D/OCA Office, Mr. Helgerson said the attached document is unclassified and he hand-carry several copies to Rep Stokes, HPSCI, on 25May88}

As Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I have learned that many nations, including countries in Africa, maintain intelligence relationships or contacts with one another--even with states with which they are at odds--to provide an open channel to resolve problems and become better informed about each other. For the same reasons, intelligence relationships exist between the United States and many of the African nations, just as they exist throughout the world. I cannot specify them here, but I am convinced that these relationships serve an important purpose.

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